

On today's trip, you will see major safety and capacity projects under construction thanks to a \$520 million Federal USDOT grant received by the NCDOT Rail Division in 2010.



These projects will make train travel more efficient and reliable, improve safety for motorists and trains, enhance opportunities for job growth and commercial development, and better connect the economic regions of Raleigh and Charlotte and the cities, towns and communities in between.

North Carolina is one of the fastest growing states in the country, and is projected to add four million new residents by 2030. Many of these newcomers will be settling in the Piedmont Corridor between Charlotte and Raleigh, which is served by North Carolina's Amtrak, seven days a week, 365 days a year.



The track, station and train equipment improvements being made will impact, in a very positive way, the residents and the economy of our state now and for generations to come. This is good

news for all of our passengers, from business travelers, commuters and students to tourists and those visiting friends and family. When PIP projects are complete in 2017, a fourth round trip is planned to be added between Raleigh and Charlotte.

The Piedmont Corridor is part of the Southeast Corridor connecting this region with Washington, DC and the Northeast Corridor. It is also part of the federally-designated Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor.

The Piedmont Improvement Program of Projects include:

- 13 new bridges that will separate traffic from trains and improve safety for motorists
- Approximately 32 miles of new second track along the corridor including making the route between Greensboro and Charlotte fully double track, and adding over 5 miles of second track between Raleigh and Greensboro for trains to pass each other.
- 12 miles of new highway construction
- Selected track construction as part of the Raleigh Union Station.

These projects enable closure of 23 public railroad crossings and 22 private crossings, which will eliminate the potential for train and vehicle collisions.

All projects are scheduled to be completed by fall of 2017.



Four station improvement or expansion projects have been completed as part of PIP, and seven locomotives, 12 rail cars and five cab control units will be added to the North Carolina's Amtrak fleet.

For more information about PIP, visit ncbytrain.org, and click on projects.



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**Piedmont
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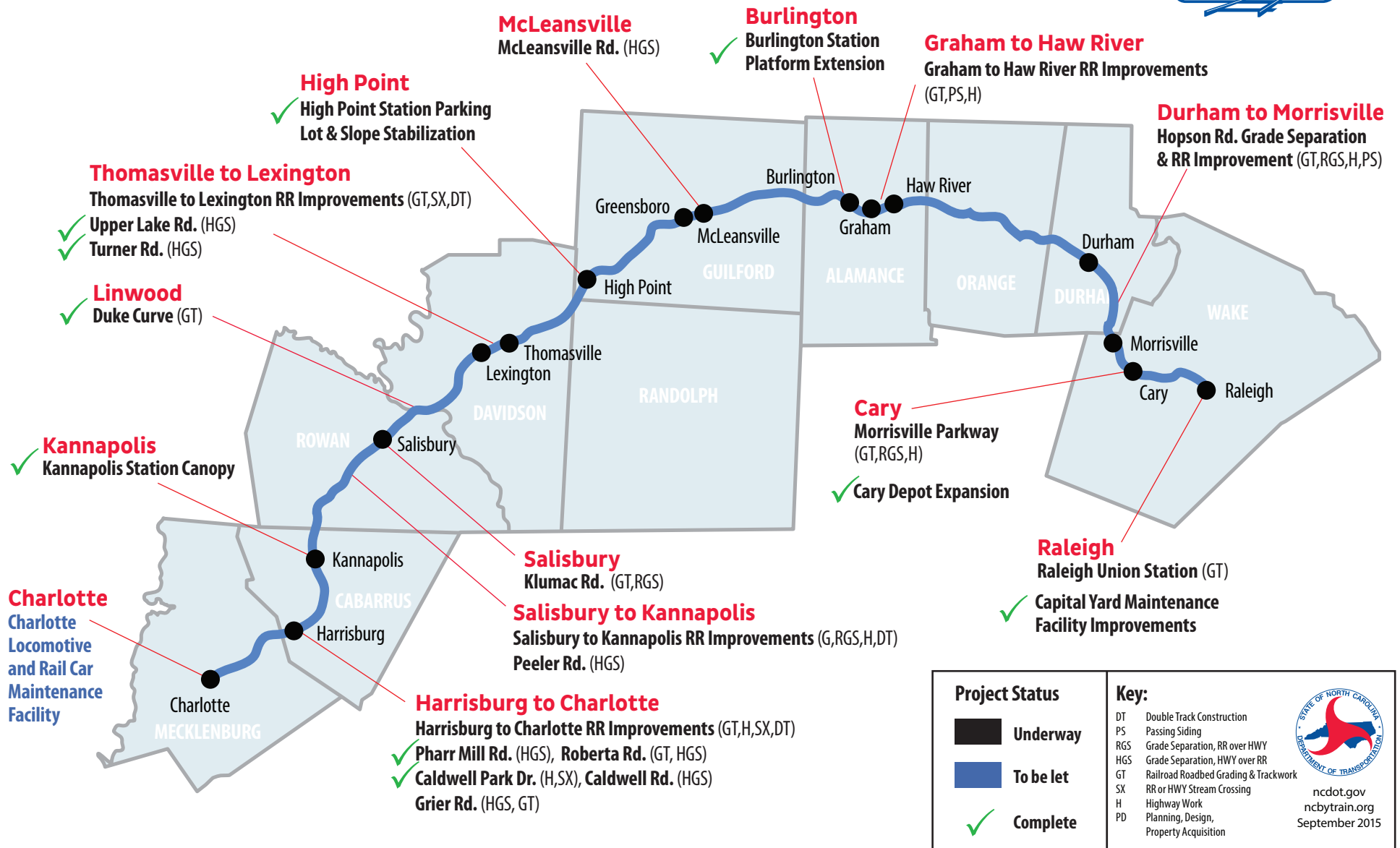
The North Carolina Department of Transportation is modernizing the railroad corridor between Charlotte and Raleigh through a series of railroad and highway construction projects and enhancements known as the Piedmont Improvement Program, or PIP.



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Piedmont Improvement Program



Piedmont Equipment
 Rebuild 7 Locomotives
 Refurbish 11 Railcars
 Build 5 Cab Control Units

